

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-7 are pending in the application. Applicant appreciates Examiner's acknowledgement of allowable subject matter of claims 4-7.

The Office action objects to the disclosure for lacking section headings under 37 CFR 1.77(b). Applicants respectfully traverse this objection. Applicants prefer not to add section headings, for consistency with the parent application. Such section headings are not statutorily required for filing a non-provisional patent application under 35 USC 111(a), but per 37 CFR 1.51(d) are only guidelines that are suggested for Applicants' use. They are not mandatory, and in fact when Rule 77 was amended in 1996 (61 FR 42790, Aug. 19, 1996), Bruce A. Lehman, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, states in the Official Gazette:

"Section 1.77 is permissive rather than mandatory. ... 1.77 merely expresses the Office's preference for the arrangement of the application elements. The Office may advise an applicant that the application does not comply with the format set forth in 1.77, and suggest this format for the applicant's consideration; however, the Office will not require any application to comply with the format set forth in 1.77." *Miscellaneous Changes in Patent Practice, Response to comments 17 and 18 (Official Gazette, August 13, 1996) [Docket No: 950620162-6014-02] RIN 0651-AA75.*

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw his objections.

With respect to the claim rejections, please cancel claims 1-3 without prejudice. Applicant requests that the rejections be withdrawn. Claims 4-7 have been amended per Examiner's observations. Claims 4-7 are now allowable.

Applicants believe they have addressed the Examiner's concerns. Therefore, the claims, as amended, are now allowable over the cited reference. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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